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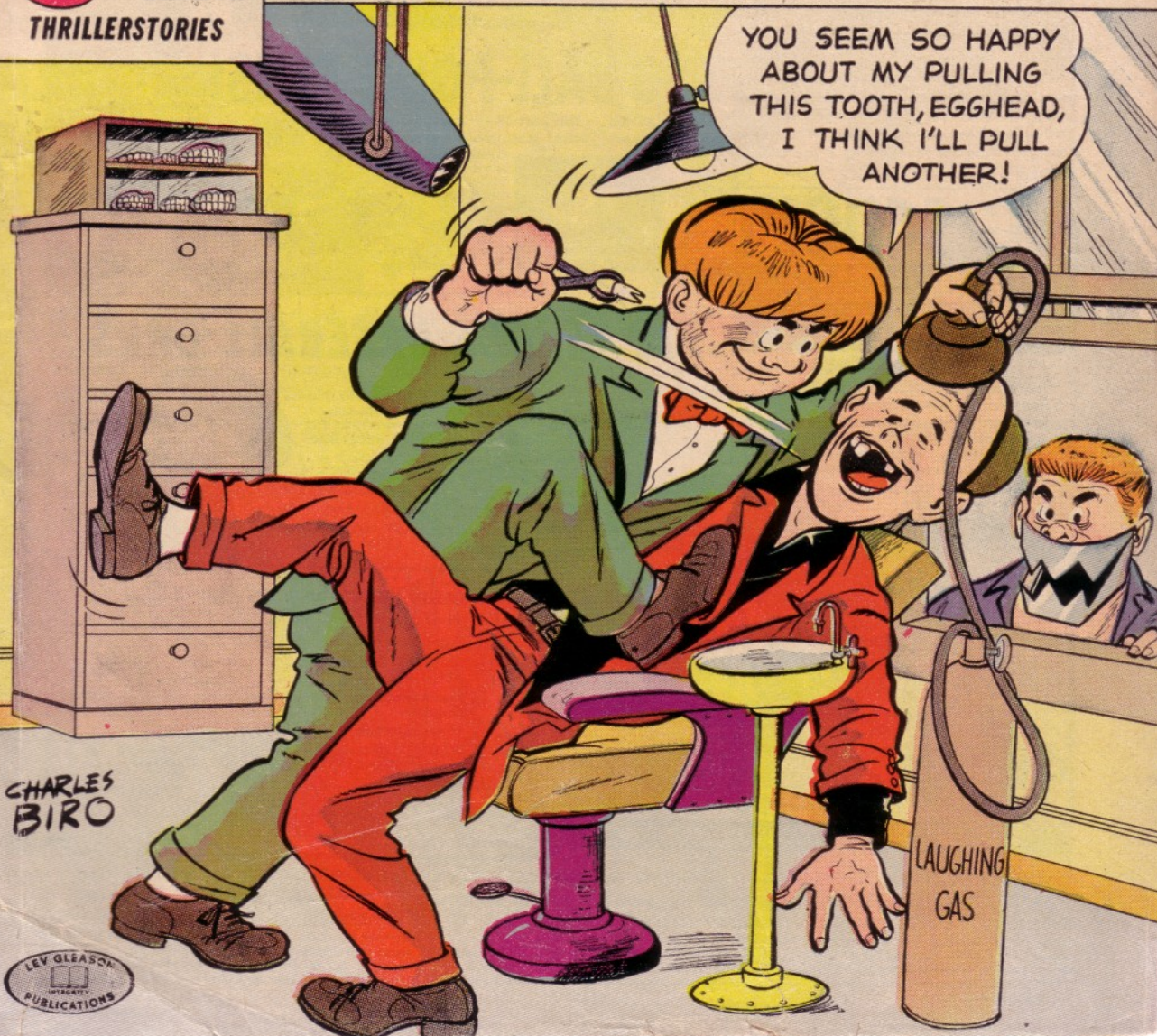


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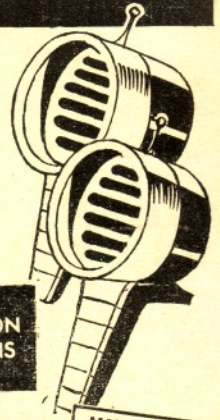
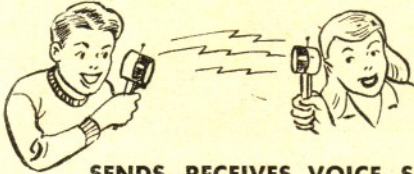
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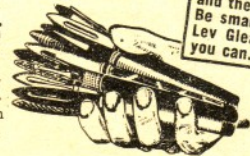
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# CRIMEBUSTER

## in "THE DANGEROUS JUNGLE"



THIS IS IT! IF THEY SPOT US FIRST, WE WON'T HAVE A CHANCE!

DON'T LET HIM GO!

QUETZAL'S LOOSE!

IT EES A AMBUSH! KEEL THEM!

STORY BY  
**CHARLES BIRG**

**B**EWARE WHEN OFFERED A VALUABLE SOMETHING FOR NOTHING BY A STRANGER! YOU CAN BET YOUR LOOSE TOOTH THAT THERE'LL BE A CATCH IN IT SOMEWHERE! SOMETIMES, A SHREWD CON MAN WILL PUT OUT AN HONEST BARGAIN AS BAIT ONLY TO PUT

THE HARPOONS INTO YOU WHEN YOU'RE WIDE OPEN AND RIPE FOR THE BIG STRIKE! IN THIS STORY, EVEN CRIMEBUSTER'S PERCEPTIVE NATURE WAS DECEIVED!

*Charles Birg*



WE'LL FIND THE RIGHT ENGAGEMENT RING YET, DARLING!

I DON'T WANT ONE THAT'S TOO EXPENSIVE!

PARDON, BUT I COULD NOT HELP OVERHEAR YOU! MY NAME IS FRANCISCO GONZALES!

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FOR A MERE HUNDRED DOLLARS, I COULD SELL YOU A PERFECT TWO KARAT DIAMOND! IT IS NOT STOLEN!

WELL... IT CAN'T HURT TO LOOK AT IT!



SUGAR, I DON'T LIKE GETTING SOMETHING FOR NOTHING!

OH, JOHN, YOU'RE ALWAYS SUSPICIOUS!

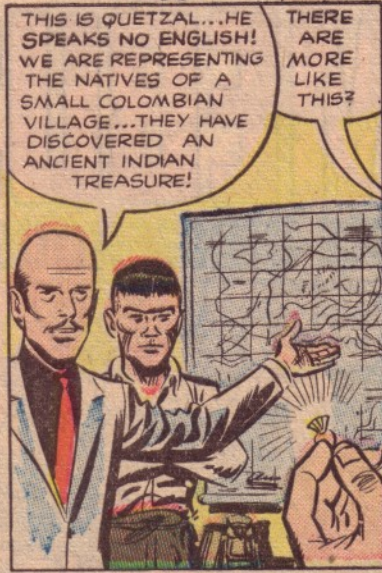




...IT'S BEAUTIFUL!

IS IT NOT ALL I PROMISED?

HOW DID YOU GET IT?



THIS IS QUETZAL...HE SPEAKS NO ENGLISH! WE ARE REPRESENTING THE NATIVES OF A SMALL COLOMBIAN VILLAGE...THEY HAVE DISCOVERED AN ANCIENT INDIAN TREASURE!

THERE ARE MORE LIKE THIS?



SI! THOUSANDS MORE! WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO CAN PURCHASE THEM ALL!

PERHAPS I CAN HELP YOU! HERE IS THE MONEY-WE'LL BE BACK LATER!



WE MAY HAVE STUMBLED ON TO SOMETHING BIG!

NOW I'M A LITTLE UNEASY-THIS IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE! WE SHOULD TELL SOMEBODY! HOW ABOUT CRIMEBUSTER?



...AND THAT'S THE STORY, C.B.! WITH MY FATHER'S HELP, I THINK I CAN RAISE A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS! MAYBE MUCH MORE!

I HOPE I'M WRONG, JOHN, BUT THIS SOUNDS LIKE AN OLD RACKET! COULD I SEE THE DIAMOND, AGAIN?



IT'S GENUINE ALL RIGHT! I'D LIKE TO TELL YOUR STORY TO DR. HECHTER. HE'S THE CURATOR OF THE MUSEUM OF ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS!



YOU ARE VERY LUCKY, MY BOY! THIS DIAMOND IS WORTH ABOUT \$3,000! I'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THESE MEN AND THEIR STORY!

THAT'S EASY, DOCTOR! COME WITH US!



A SMALL BAND OF SEMI-LITERATE NATIVES LIVED THERE FOR CENTURIES! THE TREASURE WAS HIDDEN THERE TO PROTECT IT FROM THE SPANISH CONQUISTADORES!

VERY INTERESTING!



I AM HERE TO SELL THE TREASURE, AND I AM IN AMERICA FOR THAT PURPOSE!

I'M A CUSTOMER, GONZALES! I WOULD BE HONORED IF YOU WOULD ACCOMPANY ME THERE, DOCTOR!

I'D BE GLAD TO! COUNT ME IN, TOO!





YOU SEEM TO HAVE MADE A GOOD MANY PURCHASES!

SI... FARMING EQUIPMENT FOR THE UNFORTUNATE NATIVES! IF YOU COULD SEE THE PRIMITIVE WAY IN WHICH THEY LIVE...



WELL, WE'RE OFF, DOCTOR!

YES, C.B., AND WE MAY BE IN ON ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPEDITIONS OF MODERN TIMES!



THREE DAYS LATER...

MY LUGGAGE HAS BEEN SEARCHED!

I TRANSFERRED MY MONEY TO A COLOMBIAN BANK NEAR THE VILLAGE, INSTEAD OF CARRYING IT WITH ME!

MINE ALSO!



SUENAVENTURA...A WEEK LATER...

WHEN DO WE LEAVE FOR THE INTERIOR, SENOR GONZALES?

AS SOON AS SENOR QUETZAL IS READY! WE WILL NEED MANY NATIVE BEARERS! THE JOURNEY WILL BE ON FOOT!



WHEW! THIS HEAT IS TERRIBLE!

IT WILL BE MUCH COOLER IN THE VILLAGE, SENORITA! WE SHOULD BE THERE BY TOMORROW EVENING!



LATE THE NEXT DAY...

WE ARE HERE!

MAGNIFICENT! ABSOLUTELY MAGNIFICENT!



TO PROVE THAT YOU HAVE NOT BEEN BROUGHT HERE UNDER FALSE PRETENCES, PERMIT ME TO SHOW YOU THE TREASURE OF MXALTDAN!

LEAD THE WAY!



ARE YOU PLEASSED?

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT!

NAME YOUR PRICE FOR THE LOT, AND I'LL GO BACK AND GET THE MONEY!



THESE PEOPLE KNOW NOTHING OF WORLDLY VALUES, SENOR! YOU COULD PURCHASE ALL FOR ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND!

IT MUST BE WORTH A MILLION!

IT'S A DEAL, SENOR!

BE CAREFUL, DARLING!



EXCUSE ME! I WILL, MAKE SURE THAT YOUR ACCOMODATIONS ARE READY!

FUNNY ABOUT THESE INDIANS—THEIR FACIAL CHARACTERISTICS AND BONE STRUCTURE ARE DEFINITELY NORDIC! THINK I'LL SNOOP AROUND A LITTLE...

SO! QUETZAL DOES KNOW ENGLISH!

HOW LONG DO YOU THINK WE CAN FOOL THEM?

ANOTHER FEW HOURS, I HOPE! WE CANNOT LEAVE UNTIL THE BOY RETURNS WITH THE MONEY!

C.B. IS OUT EXPLORING, DOCTOR! WHAT'S WRONG?

THERE'S SOMETHING TERRIBLY WRONG, CONNIE! THESE MEN HAVE BEEN LYING TO US! THEY'RE NOT INDIANS AT ALL!

THE OLD MAN KNOWS SOMETHING IS WRONG! I OVERHEARD HIM TELLING THE GIRL!

HE MUST DIE AT ONCE! DO NOT HARM THE GIRL! I WANT HER FOR MYSELF!

WE MUST FIND C.B.!

LOOK!

DOCTOR, THESE NATIVES SAY THAT BEFORE THEY PART WITH THE JEWELS, THEY MUST MAKE A HUMAN SACRIFICE TO THEIR GOD, MXALTDAN!

YOU'RE NOT FOOLING ME WITH YOUR TALK OF SACRIFICES!

I DON'T CARE IF I FOOL YOU OR NOT! YOU WILL DIE JUST THE SAME!

JUST TIE HIM UP FOR NOW! THE OTHERS MUST BE CAPTURED FIRST!

SQUEEK! SQUEEK! SQUEEK!

WHAT IS IT, SQUEEKS? YOU WANT ME TO COME WITH YOU? OKAY—LEAD THE WAY!

DR. HECHTER!

STOP THEM, C.B.!

ALL THEY WANT IS OUR MONEY! THEY PLAN TO MURDER US ALL, SOON AS THEY GET IT!

LOOK OUT BEHIND YOU!





THANKS, DOC!

AAGHH... MY HAND!



GOOD! NOW TAKE HIM ALIVE! I WANT TO SHOW HIM HOW WE DEAL WITH OUR ENEMIES!

UGHH!



THE JAGUARS SHOULD PICK UP THE SCENT OF THIS RAW MEAT REAL SOON!

YES... I HOPE HE REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS IN TIME TO SEE HIS PREDICAMENT!



YOU'RE MORE FORTUNATE THAN YOUR FRIENDS, MY DEAR! THEY MUST DIE, BUT YOU SHALL LIVE... AS MY BRIDE!

GET AWAY FROM ME, YOU ZOMBIE! I'D NEVER MARRY YOU!



I LIKE YOUR SPIRIT, MY DEAR! WE'LL GET ALONG.. HEY!

YOU MAY KILL ME, BUT YOU CAN'T FORCE ME TO MARRY YOU!



LITTLE FOOL! WE'LL SEE HOW YOU FEEL AFTER YOU HAVE WATCHED THE OTHERS DIE! THROW HER IN THE DUNGEON!

MEANWHILE...



I HAVE THE MONEY! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE OTHERS? WHERE'S CONNIE?

TAKE HIS MONEY AND THROW HIM IN THE DUNGEON!



JOHN!

YOU'LL HAVE THE REST OF YOUR LIVES TOGETHER! I HOPE YOU FIND IT ROMANTIC!



DO NOT FEAR, MY FRIENDS! LOVE WILL FIND A WAY! HAH! HAH! HAH!





MEANWHILE...

IF I COULD ONLY GET TO MY KNIFE... BUT I CAN'T! I'M SLUNK!



ATTABOY, SQUEEKS! ATTABOY!



HURRY UP, SQUEEKS! HE'S COMING TO! I DON'T WANT TO BE HERE WHEN HE DOES!

RRRRR...



UP, SQUEEKS, UP!

RROWFF!!



I THINK I CAN JAM THIS BRANCH OVER HIS NECK...BUT...

...I WON'T GET A SECOND CHANCE!

GRRRRR



C'MON, SQUEEKS... THAT'S NOT GONNA HOLD HIM FOR LONG!



THEY'RE LEAVING! I THINK I'VE GOT AN IDEA!



THIS IS THE END MAN—IF HE MAKES A SOUND, I'M COOKED!



NOW WE'LL BE ON EVEN TERMS! BACK TO THE RUINS, SQUEEKS! MAYBE WE'RE NOT TOO LATE TO SAVE THE OTHERS!





BLESS YOU, CRIMEBUSTER! THAT SUN WOULD HAVE DRIVEN ME MAD BEFORE LONG!

THEY'VE GONE! THEY MUST'VE TAKEN JOHN AND CONNIE WITH THEM...



...IF THEY'RE STILL ALIVE! JOHN! CONNIE!

CRIMEBUSTER! LOOK!

SQUEEK! SQUEEK!



WE'RE IN HERE!

OKAY, HANG ON! WE'LL TRY AND FIGURE OUT SOMETHING!



IT'S NO USE, CRIMEBUSTER! WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO DISLodge THOSE ROCKS!

THEY USED TEN MEN TO MOVE THAT ROCK! I CAN GET ENOUGH POWDER OUT OF THESE BULLETS TO MAKE A STICK OF DYNAMITE...



DO YOU THINK IT WILL WORK!

IT'S GOT TO!

CONNIE! JOHN! STAY AS FAR BACK AS YOU CAN! I'M GOING TO BLAST!



WE DID IT!



WHAT WAS THAT?

IT SOUNDED LIKE AN EXPLOSION! C'MON, WE'D BETTER GET BACK THERE!



COME ON, DOC! IT'S BEGINNING TO ROCK!

SHE'S OPENING, C. B.!



SHOTS! GET DOWN!

THEY MUST'VE COME BACK!

SQUEEKS! COME BACK!





GO TO THE CITY AND GIVE THE POLICE THAT NOTE, SQUEEKS! HURRY!

IF WE ONLY HAD MORE GUNS...



I'M GOING TO GET BEHIND THEM! AS SOON AS I START, YOU FIRE AS FAST AS YOU CAN TO DRAW THEIR ATTENTION!

BE CAREFUL, C. B.!



DON'T FIRE UNLESS YOU SEE SOMETHING... WE'RE BOUND TO GET THEM ALL EVENTUALLY!

I THINK I CAN JUST GET A LITTLE FARTHER BEFORE THEY STOP ME!



WELL, HERE GOES... I'LL PICK OFF ENOUGH OF 'EM BEFORE THEY FIGURE OUT WHERE I AM!



NOMBRE DE DIOS! WE ARE SURROUNDED! KEEP FIR... AARRGG!

AAGHH!



DO NOT SHOOT ANY MORE! I SURRENDER! DO NOT KILL ME!

WHEW!! IT LOOKS LIKE WE PULLED IT OFF! THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!



SUPPOSE YOU TELL US WHAT THIS WAS ALL ABOUT?

I WILL TELL YOU NOTHING!

THIS NOTE BOOK MIGHT BE INTERESTING!



LOOK! NAMES, DATES, AND AMOUNTS... THIS ENTRY LISTS THE HEINMACHER COLLECTION! WASN'T THAT STOLEN DURING THE GERMAN SURRENDER?

THIS MUST BE A LIST OF THEIR WHOLE HOARD! THESE SO CALLED "NATIVES" ARE ALL EX-NAZIS!



THIS LAST TRY SHOWS THAT THE REST OF THE MOB IS DUE IN HERE TODAY! WEVE GOT A CHANCE TO NAIL THE WHOLE RING!

WE WON'T BE STRONG ENOUGH TO FIGHT THEM!



WE HAVEN'T GOT ANY CHOICE! WE'D RUN ACROSS THEM ON THE WAY OUT, ANYWAY! WE MIGHT AS WELL STAY HERE, AND TRY AND SURPRISE THEM!

WHEN ARE THEY COMING, QUETZAL? C'MON, TALK!

SPEAK, YOU BLIM!

I WILL SAY NOTHING!

QUIET! I HEAR SOMETHING!

WATCH OUT, JOHN! QUETZAL'S GETTING AWAY!

WHERE?!

GO BACK! IT'S AN AMBUSH!

YAAA! GET BACK! GET BACK!

WAIT! THEY'RE NOT SHOOTING!

SQUEEK! SQUEEK! SQUEEK!

DO NOT FIRE! WE ARE THE POLICE!

THE LITTLE MONKEY BROUGHT US YOUR NOTE! I AM GLAD YOU ARE STILL SAFE!

WE'VE GOT TO TAKE COVER! MORE JEWEL THIEVES ARE COMING!

WE INTERCEPTED THEM ON THE WAY HERE, AND THEY HAVE BEEN SENT TO JAIL! QUETZAL, I THINK, MIGHT WANT TO ADD A FEW DETAILS - EH?

SURE! GONZALES WANTED A REVOLUTION... THE BOXES YOU SAW WERE GUNS!

WE BROUGHT YOU DOWN HERE TO PURCHASE THE GEMS THAT WERE TOO WELL KNOWN TO SELL...

MY GOVERNMENT HAS AUTHORIZED ME TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS MEDAL!

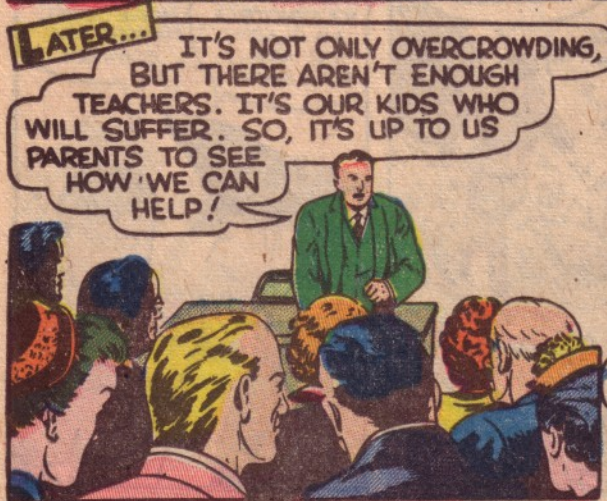
LET'S JUST GET A SIMPLE RING THIS TIME, CONNIE!

THE RING'S NOT IMPORTANT, DARLING... AS LONG AS I HAVE YOU!

C'MON, YOU, TWO! THERE'LL BE TIME FOR THAT ON THE BOAT!



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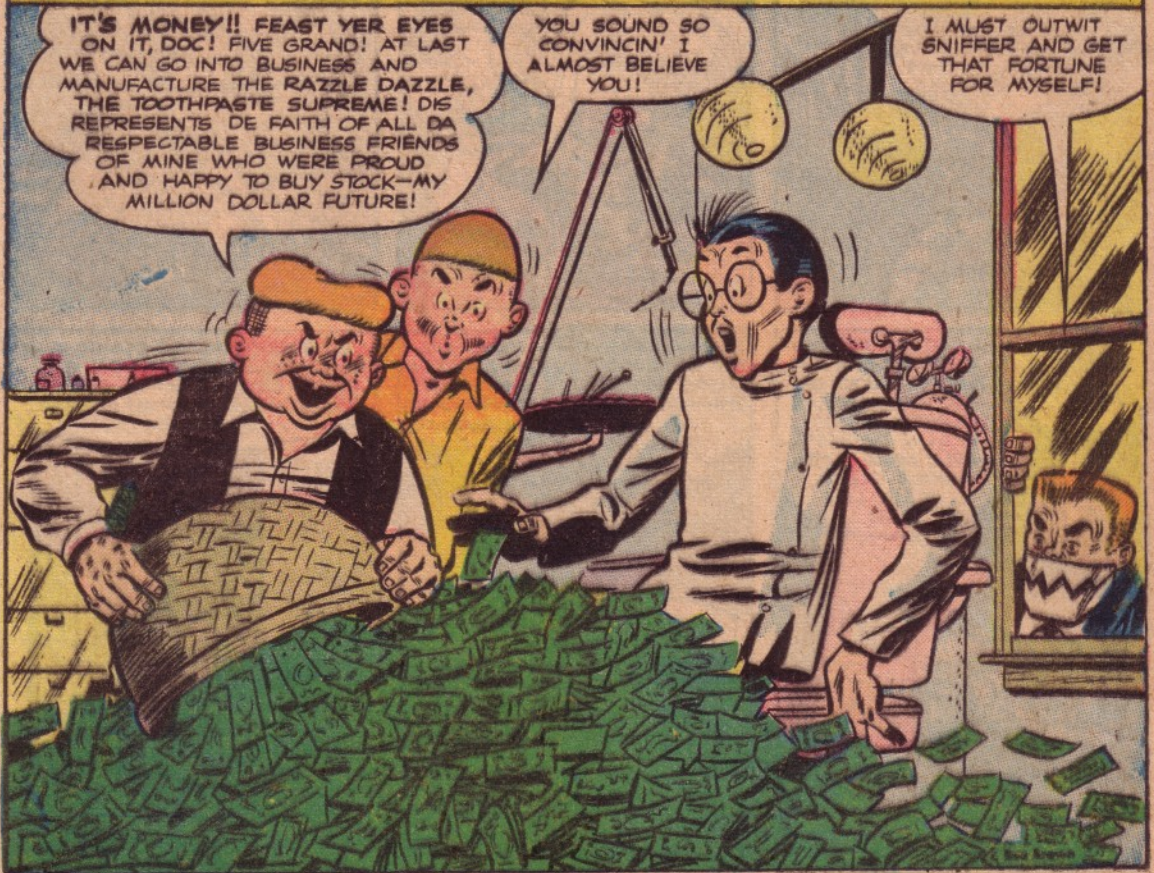


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# SNIFFER *and* IRON JAW

IN "SNIFFER AND THE SUPER TOOTHPASTE"



IT'S MONEY!! FEAST YER EYES ON IT, DOC! FIVE GRAND! AT LAST WE CAN GO INTO BUSINESS AND MANUFACTURE THE RAZZLE DAZZLE, THE TOOTHPASTE SUPREME! DIS REPRESENTS DE FAITH OF ALL DA RESPECTABLE BUSINESS FRIENDS OF MINE WHO WERE PROUD AND HAPPY TO BUY STOCK—MY MILLION DOLLAR FUTURE!

YOU SOUND SO CONVINCIN' I ALMOST BELIEVE YOU!

I MUST OUTWIT SNIFFER AND GET THAT FORTUNE FOR MYSELF!



OOHH, MY TOOTH! I CAN'T STAND IT! IT'S DRIVIN' ME CRAZY! OHHH...

IF YA DON'T THINK OF SOMETHIN' TA STOP IT, HE'LL DRIVE US CRAZY, SNIFFER! WE GOTTA GET SOME SLEEP!

AH—SLEEP!



THERE AIN'T NO DENTIST OPEN AT DIS HOUR OF NIGHT, BUT I HAVE A GOOD PAL, DOC BONE-STEEL WHO WON'T MIND IF WE BORROWED HIS OFFICE! I WON'T EVEN HAFTA BUST IN ON ACCQUINTA HE HIDES DA OFFICE KEY UNDER DA MAT! C'MON, CRUSHER, WE'LL FIX UP DAT TOOTH!



OOHHH!! THE PAIN—IT'S KILLIN' ME!

SHUT UP! YA WANNA WAKE UP THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD? BE—SIDES, DOC BONESTEEL LIVES IN DA NEXT HOUSE, AN' HE NEEDS REST AFTER STANDIN' ON HIS FEET ALL DAY PULLIN' TEETH!





I'LL LEAVE DA LIGHTS OFF SO, DA NEIGHBORS WON'T GET CURIOUS! ALL I NEED IS DA LITTLE LIGHT DA DOC USES TA LOOK INSIDE YER MOUTH, ANYWAY! NOW BREATHE NICE AND DEEP!



TSK...TSK... ACTUALLY, HE'S GOT A COUPLA TEETH ON DA OTHER SIDE DAT OUGHTA COME OUT, TOO! I'LL PULL DA ONE DATS BOTHERIN' HIM FOIST AN' DEN I'LL YANK OUT DA OTHER ONES LATER!



Oooohhhhhh!  
QUIET, YA DOPE!



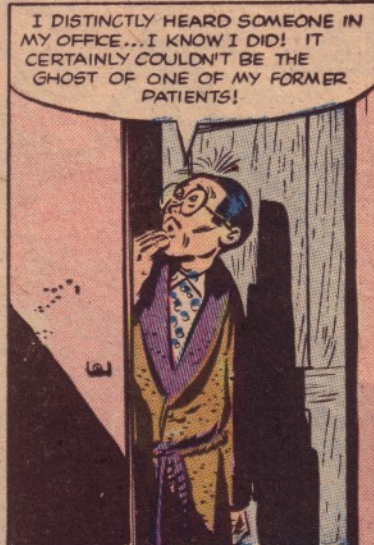
YIIII!  
OHHHHH!

I GOT IT! I GUESS I BETTER GIVE HIM ANOTHER JOLT OF DAT LAUGHIN' GAS BEFORE I TRY PULLIN' DA REST! HE'LL WAKE UP DA WHOLE BLOCK YELLIN' LIKE DAT!



I'VE HAD ENOUGH! I'M GETTIN' OUTTA HERE BEFORE SNIFFER MOIDERS ME, OR WORSE!

NOW WHERE DID I PUT DA GAS MASK? IT'S SO DARK IN HERE...



I DISTINCTLY HEARD SOMEONE IN MY OFFICE... I KNOW I DID! IT CERTAINLY COULDN'T BE THE GHOST OF ONE OF MY FORMER PATIENTS!



I AIN'T LETTIN' HIM PULL NO MORE TEETH!

NOW WHO ON EARTH COULD BE PULLIN' TEETH IN MY OFFICE AT THIS HOUR OF NIGHT?



OH, NO, YOU DON'T, CRUSHER! YOU SIT RIGHT BACK DOWN THERE, AN' LET ME FINISH! THERE'S MORE TO PULL... AN' YOU'LL THANK ME LATER!

:GLUB!: BUT...STOP! N...NO!

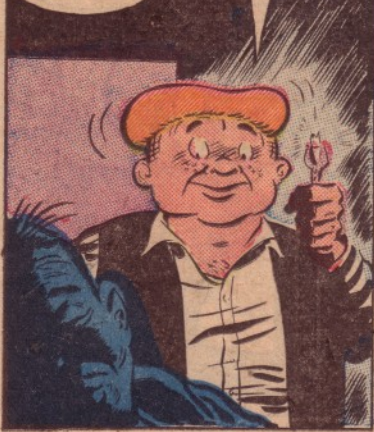


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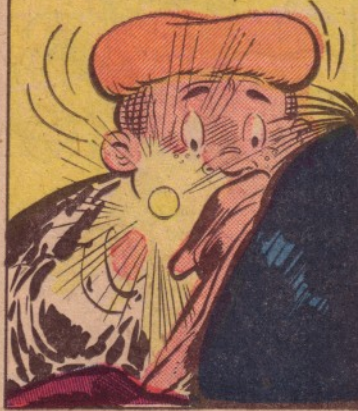
YA WON'T FEEL A THING, CRUSHER! DIS TIME I'LL REALLY GIVE YA DA BUSINESS WITH DIS LAUGHIN' GAS!



DUM DE DUM-DUM DE DUM...DIS IS DE LAST ONE! CRUSHER OUGHTA BE GRATEFUL WHEN HE FINDS I'VE PULLED OUT FOUR TEETH FOR HIM! I WONDER HOW COME DA FOIST ONE STOPPED BLEEDIN' SO FAST...



HEY! DAT'S FUNNY... ANOTHER TOOTH HAS GROWN IN WHERE I PULLED DA FOIST ONE OUT! I'M SURE I PULLED A TOOTH OUT THERE!



OH, MIGOSH! IT'S DA DOG! HOW DID HE GET HERE IN PLACE OF CRUSHER, ANYHOW? HEY! HEY, DOC! WAKE UP!



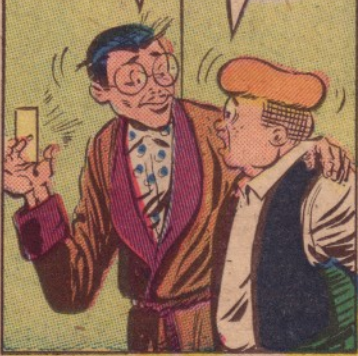
GEE, DOC! I FEEL TERRIBLE! THE LAST THING I KNEW I WAS PULLIN' A COUPLA OF TEETH FOR ME PAL, CRUSHER... AN' SOMEHOW YA GOT IN DA CHAIR! IS THERE ANYTHIN' I CAN DO? LIKE PUTTIN' THE TEETH BACK?

TEETH? OOOHH!



I SHOULD THANK YOU! THOSE TEETH HAVE BEEN BOTHERING ME FOR YEARS, BUT I JUST DIDN'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO GO TO A DENTIST!

I MUSTA PULLED YER WISDOM TOOTH!



I'M GLAD YA AIN'T SORE!

YOU'RE JUST THE MAN I WANTED TO TALK TO ABOUT PROMOTING SOMETHING FOR ME! A LITTLE INVENTION OF MINE! I'LL SHOW IT TO YOU!



IT'S A SPECIAL NEW TOOTH PASTE FORMULA I'VE WORKED ON FOR YEARS! IT IS SIMPLY TERRIFIC! TRY AND SEE FOR YOURSELF! RAZZLE DAZZLE, THE TOOTH PASTE SUPREME!

DAT'S A REAL HOT NAME FOR IT! LET'S TRY IT!



IT'S WORTH A MILLION IF I COULD ONLY RAISE FUNDS ENOUGH TO MANUFACTURE IT! THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN! IF YOU COULD ONLY PROMOTE IT... GET PEOPLE TO INVEST IN THE STOCK... WE COULD MAKE A MILLION!

WAIT TILL I TRY IT OUT! GLUB! GLUB!



WHAT'S IT GOT? WHITE PAINT IN IT? GIMME A COUPLA OF SAMPLES AN' A BATCH OF BRUSHES SO I CAN DEMONSTRATE IT AN' I'LL GETCHA ALL DA BACKERS YOU'LL NEED! WITH A PRODUCT LIKE THIS WE CAN'T MISS!

WONDERFUL! I'LL MAKE YOU MY PARTNER!





TOOTHPASTE? WHAT'S DAT? I DON'T NEED NOTHIN' TO PASTE MY TEETH IN WITH!

YOU WILL, IF YOU DON'T DO LIKE I SAY! I'LL KNOCK EVERY BONE LOOSE UNLESS YA TRY IT AN' BE CONVINCED DAT IT'S DA FINEST PASTE IN DA WORLD!

YA SEE? I TOLD YA RAZZLE DAZZLE IS A NATURAL! NOW SHE LL OUT YER DOUGH WHILE I WRITE UP STOCK FER YA! ITS TEN BUCKS A SHARE!

FER TEN BUCKS, I'D GIVE YA MY TEETH!

I'M PUTTIN' YA DOWN FER FIVE SHARES, BIG MOUTH!

YA OUGHTA BE GRATEFUL TA ME FER GIVIN' YA DIS CHANCE TO BE CAPITALITS INSTEAD OF BEEFIN' AS IF I WAS TRYIN' TA ROB YA! NOW COUGH UP, OR I'LL BUST YA ONE!

SH..SURE, SNIFFER!

HOW DID YOU DO IT, SNIFFER? YOU'RE A GENIUS FOR MONEY RAISING! WHERE DID YOU FIND THE INVESTORS?

I KNOW LOTSA BUMS—I MEAN EMINENT BUSINESS MEN! THEY WAS HAPPY TO INVEST EVERY NICKEL DEY HAD AFTER I GAVE 'EM A CONVINCIN' SALES TALK!

I COULD SWEAR THAT WAS SNIFFER GOING INTO THAT DENTIST'S OFFICE!

IT'S IRON JAW!! I WONDER WHAT HE'S SNOOPIN' AROUND HERE FOR?

THERE'S NO FORMULA LIKE IT! WE CAN'T MISS! WE'LL MAKE MILLIONS!

THAT FORMULA MUST BE GOOD! IF IT CAN RAISE THAT MUCH DOUGH!

WHY, THAT'S SNIFFER IN THERE!

ARE YOU SPYING ON ME, EGGHEAD?

W. WHY NO! I'M YER DAL, IRON JAW!

OH, YEAH? YOU CAN GET YOURSELF TWO GRAND BY PROVING IT!

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GET ME THE FORMULA FOR THE TOOTHPASTE SNIFFER IS PLANNING TO MANUFACTURE!

YA CALL DAT EASY? MAYBE FER FIVE GRAND. I MIGHT CONSIDER IT... BUT NOTHIN' LESS!

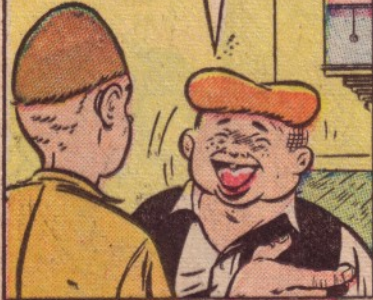
FIVE GRAND IT IS! GET ME THE FORMULA AND I'LL PAY OFF IN CASH, EGGHEAD, ONLY YOU GOTTA SWEAR YOU'LL NEVER TELL SNIFFER! GET IT?

YA THINK I'M CRAZY?



YOU KNOW IRON JAW...IF I'D TURNED HIM DOWN, HE'D HAVE MOIDERED ME...SO I HAD TO PRETEND I WAS WILLIN' TA DOUBLE CROSS YA! IF I DON'T SHOW UP WITH DA FORMULA ITS CURTAINS FER ME!

HA-HA-HA! THIS IS RICH! IRON JAW IS JUST BEGGIN' TO BE FLEECED!

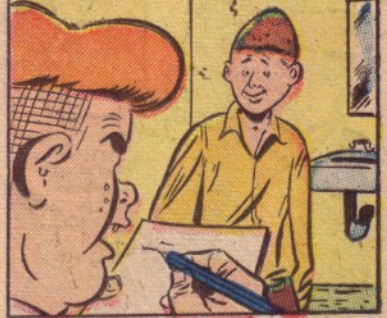


HERE, I'LL GIVE YA A FORMULA TA GIVE HIM! IT'S A PHONY, BUT HE'S TOO STUPID TA KNOW THE DIFFERENCE! BESIDES, I'LL GIVE YA A COUPLA TUBES OF DA REAL STUFF SO HE WON'T WISE UP TOO FAST! WE'LL SPLIT UP THE FIVE GRAND YOU COLLECT! HOW'S ZAT?

BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HE FINDS OUT THE FORMULA IS A FAKE?



LEAVE DAT UP TO ME, EGGHEAD, O' PAL! YA CAN ALWAYS CLAIM YA SWIPED DIS, THINKIN' IT WAS TH' REAL MCCOY! ANY GUY AS CROOKED AS HIM DESERVES TO BE TAKEN!



HERE'S YOUR MONEY! IT CLEANS ME OUT, BUT WITH THIS FORMULA, I'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE RAISING MONEY TO GO INTO BUSINESS! HA, HA, HA—SNIFFER'LL GET A SHOCK WHEN HE FINDS OUT I'M HIS RIVAL!

YEAH, HE SURE WILL! JUST DON'T LET HIM KNOW I WAS MIXED UP IN DIS!



BUT SNIFFER ALREADY PUT DA BITE ON US FOR HIS TOOTHPASTE COMPANY! WHAT DO WE WANNA HAVE STOCK IN ANOTHER ONE FOR? ANYHOW, IT'S AGAINST MY ETHICS TO INVEST IN ANYTHING BUT HORSES!

EITHER YOU KICK IN EVERY NICKEL YOU OWN, OR I'LL CRAM YOUR TEETH DOWN YOUR THROAT!



MAKE THAT PRINTING IN 'SNIFFER' A LITTLE BIGGER!

WELL, WELL, WHAT A COINCIDENCE! IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE NEIGHBORS, TOO!



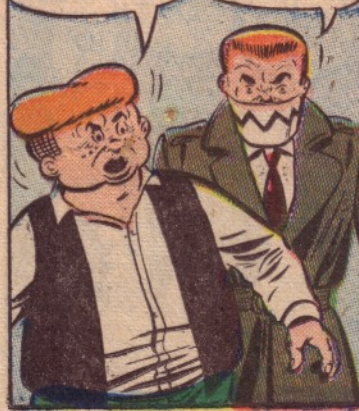
WHAT KIND OF CROOKED DEAL ARE YOU TRYIN' TA PULL OFF, IRON JAW? YOU AIN'T GOT A LEGITIMATE TOOTHPASTE TO MANUFACTURE!

OH, YEAH? JUST WAIT AND SEE, SNIFFER!



YA THINK YOU'RE PRETTY SHARP OPENIN' UP A RIVAL CONCERN RIGHT NEXT DOOR, DONT'CHA? WELL, I GOT NEWS FOR YA! ONCE MY PUBLICITY GETS ROLLIN', WE'RE GONNA CORNER DA MARKET!

THAT I GOTTA SEE!



OH, YEAH? I GOT JON HARROW DA BIGGEST STAR IN HOLLYWOOD LINED UP FER AN EXCLUSIVE TESTIMONIAL AND ONCE HE ENDORSES RAZZLE DAZZLE, EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD WILL GO CRAZY TO BUY IT! YOUR WHITE MAGIC WILL BE DA FLOP OF 1953!





I GOT OLD IRON PUSS ALL SET UP FOR A FAST TAKE! HE THINKS I'M USIN' JON HARROW FER THE ADVERTISIN' CAMPAIGN, WHERE AS, ACTUALLY, I'M USIN' ROSITA ROSE, TH' ATOMIC ANGEL! I GOT A NEAT PLAN WHAT WILL REALLY RUIN HIM, BUT GOOD! AN' YOU'RE PART OF IT!

AIN'T HE SUFFERED ENOUGH?



IF I COULD GET THAT JON HARROW TO ENDORSE WHITE MAGIC, THAT WOULD REALLY FIX SNIFFER! I WAS ABLE TO USE EGGHEAD ONCE... MAYBE I CAN PUT THE PRESSURE ON HIM AGAIN!



WHY DID YOU SEND FOR ME?

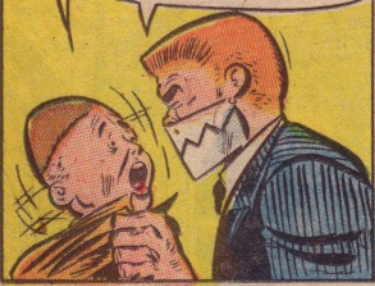
YOU'RE ABOUT TO DO ME A LITTLE FAVOR! ALL I WANT IS FOR YOU TO STEER JON HARROW OVER HERE INSTEAD OF TO SNIFFER'S PLANT! LET HIM ENDORSE MY TOOTH PASTE INSTEAD OF HIS!



HE'S HOOKED!

IF SNIFFER EVER FINDS OUT, HE'LL NEVER FORGIVE ME! HIS WHOLE CAMPAIGN IS PLANNED AROUND HARROW... I'M TO MEET HIM TOMORROW AND BRING HIM TO THE PLANT TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED... I COULD BRING HIM HERE, BUT...

NO BUT ABOUT IT... YOU WILL BRING HIM HERE!



IRON JAW FELL FER THE GAG HOOK, LINE AND SINKER!

I KNEW HE WOULD! HEY, LOOK AT LADYKILLER! HE'LL MAKE A PERFECT JON HARROW! IRON JAW WILL NEVER KNOW THE DIFF!



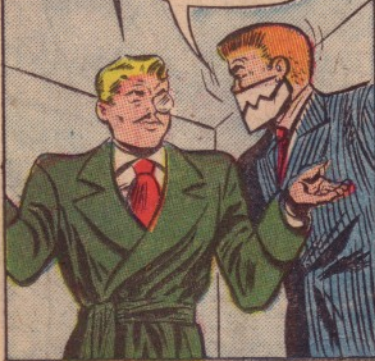
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A PLEASURE! I'M DE-DELIGHTED! SO GLAD YOU'RE GOING TO ENDORSE OUR DENTIFRICE! THE PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL BE RIGHT IN!



OF COURSE, YOU UNDERSTAND I WANT MY PAYMENT OF A THOUSAND DOLLARS IN ADVANCE! I NEVER GO THROUGH THE TIREISOME PERFORMANCE WITHOUT FIRST BEING PAID!

OH! OH, YES OF COURSE! I'LL GET YOUR MONEY AT ONCE!



HERE IT IS! THE FIRST TUBE OFF THE ASSEMBLY LINE!

DIS IS RICH! IF IRON JAW EVER SUSPECTED WHAT WE'RE PULLIN' ON HIM!



THIS IS THE RUIN OF RAZZLE DAZZLE! AN' SNIFFER! HA, HA, HA!







AHHH... BLUB...BLUB...BLUB...  
HELP!...WATER! SOMETHING  
TERRIBLE...ISH...HAPPENING!

QUICK, EGGHEAD-  
GET 'EM!

WHASH WRONG? LOOK! MY TEESH!  
THEY'RE GONE! ALL MY FONT  
TEESH...VANISHED...  
I'M RUINED!

I'LL SUE YOU FOR  
THIS! I'LL HAVE YOU  
JAILED FOR LIFE! AT  
ONE MILLION A YEAR,  
I'LL GET TEN MILLION  
IN DAMAGES...AND  
WAIT TILL I TELL THE  
WORLD ABOUT THIS  
TERRIBLE, TOOTH-  
PASTE!

WAIT! PLEASE  
COME BACK!  
LET ME  
SETTLE...  
LET ME...

WHAT AM I GONNA DO! THE PUBLIC-  
ITY WILL RUIN ME!...BUT THAT'S  
ONLY HALF OF IT! TEN MILLION!  
WHERE CAN I GET IT! I SHOULD'VE  
KNOWN BETTER THAN TO GET  
MIXED UP IN A LEGITIMATE  
BUSINESS!

IT'S YER OWN  
FAULT!

I KNOW...I  
KNOW...I'LL  
DO ANYTHING  
TO GET OUT  
OF IT! CAN'T  
YOU THINK  
OF SOME-  
THING TO  
GET OUT  
OF IT?

WELL, I TELL YA ...  
IT COULD JUST BE  
POSSIBLE DAT I  
MAY BE ABLE TA  
TALK TO SNIFFER,  
ON ACCOUNT OF HE'S  
A GOOD PAL OF  
HARROW'S  
MANAGER!

YA GOT IRON  
JAW RIGHT WHERE  
YA WANT HIM,  
SNIFFER, HE'LL  
DO ANYTHING TO  
GET OUT OF  
THE MESS HE  
THINKS HE'S  
IN!

TELL HIM I TALKED  
JON HARROW'S  
MANAGER INTO  
SETTLIN' FOR TEN  
GRAND, PROVIDIN'  
HE TURNS HIS FAC-  
TORY OVER TO ME!

AND GIVE ME BACK  
MY FALSE TEETH  
BEFORE YOU GO!

IT'S A LUCKY THING I HAD THESE  
TEETH KNOCKED OUT WHEN I WAS  
A KID SO I WAS ABLE TO FAKE THAT  
TEETH DISSOLVING! HA,HA!  
YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN POOR  
OL' IRON JAW'S FACE WHEN HE  
LOOKED AND SAW THEM GONE!



THANKS, EGGHEAD! HERE'S THE TEN GRAND AND THE PAPERS OF OWNERSHIP FOR THE FACTORY! I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON! YOU'RE SURE HARROW WON'T SUE ME FOR TEN MILLION!

SURE! AT FIRST, HARROW WOULD'NT LISTEN TO REASON... BUT HE FINALLY AGREED!

WHAT'S THIS! JOHN HARROW MAKING A PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT THE BUQU THEATER? WHY, IT'S ONLY BEEN YESTERDAY SINCE THAT AWFUL THING HAPPENED TO HIS TEETH! HOW COULD HE HAVE REPLACED THEM SO SOON? I MUST GO SEE HIM!

IT'S INCREDIBLE! YOU'D NEVER KNOW IT HAD HAPPENED! HE'S SINGING PERFECTLY! HE'S A REAL TROUPER! I MUST GO BACK STAGE AFTER THE PERFORMANCE AND THANK HIM FOR BEING CONSIDERATE ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT... AND CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS PERFORMANCE!

MR. HARROW! I SIMPLY HAD TO COME BACKSTAGE TO THANK YOU FOR ACCEPTING A SETTLEMENT! AND I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU! THOSE FALSE TEETH ARE REALLY REMARKABLE! HEH! HEH!

FALSE TEETH! HOW DARE YOU!

AHHH, COME NOW! DON'T PRETEND WITH ME! WASN'T I RIGHT THERE WHEN THEY CAME OUT? JUST LET ME GET A GOOD LOOK AT THOSE NEW ONES!

YOU KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF ME!

FOR TEN GRAND, I DESERVE A CLOSER LOOK... OWWWW!

WHAT'S WRONG?

THAT MAN! HE'S INSANE! HAVE HIM THROWN OUT! HAVE HIM ARRESTED! CALL THE POLICE!

IT ALL COMES BACK TO ME NOW! I'VE BEEN SWINDLED! SNIFFER'S BEHIND THIS! IT WAS A FRAUD! GRRRRR!

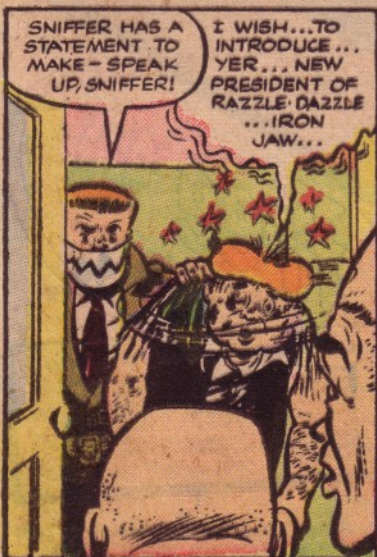
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WHERE'S SNIFFER? I WANT TO SEE HIM... NOW!!

ONE MOMENT! I'LL HAVE TO SEE IF HE'S AVAILABLE!

SNIFFER PRESIDENT





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# HAUNTED HOUSE



"Well, it's Halloween," said Slugger, adjusting the jack-o-lantern mask on his face. "Are we, or are we not going to the haunted house this year?"

The other Wise Guys, Slugger, Jock and gangling Scarecrow, all wearing grotesque masks and sheets, shuffled uneasily.

"Maybe next year," said Scarecrow. "It's a little late for tonight--almost nine o'clock."

"Yes," agreed Jock, "I think it's a little late myself. How do you feel, Curly?"

"Frankly," replied Curly, "the haunted house is about three miles from here. I'm in no mood for walking."

"Uh-huh," mused Slugger, "backing out, eh? Every year for the past two years we've said we were anxious to visit the haunted house and see just what it's like -- and each year we've put it off until the next."

"Fellows," said Jock. "Slugger is right! If we said we were going to the haunted house -- then let's go! There's nothing to be scared of!"

Thus did the four Wise Guys begin walking down the lonely dirt road that wound past Farmer Miller's house, and to the woods where stood the haunted house. And the woods, this Halloween night, loomed dark and ominous before them.

As they approached the haunted house, now paintless and grey, they walked through knee-high grass on the lawn, under a spreading apple tree, and to the front steps.

Curly paused, motioned for the others to stop, then pointed out across a cleared stretch of ground to a cornfield.

"Look over there," whispered Curly. "Something -- or somebody -- moved! Wait a minute -- I thought I saw several figures move!"

Slugger, exasperated, lifted up his jack-o-lantern mask and frowned at the others. "You're stalling again," he said. "There's nobody over in that cornfield, and you know it! Come on--in we go! And this time, no backing out or hedging!"

They stood in the darkened living room, musty with age, for a long moment -- and then, suddenly, from somewhere in the great old house came a sound . . . "Clomp--clomp--clomp--" "Hear that?" hissed Scarecrow.

"Yeah," replied Jock. "A clomp-clomp-sound. It came from upstairs--maybe in the attic."

"No," whispered Slugger, edging close to the others, "it came from right here -- right in this living room! Fellows, there's something in here with us!"

"All of you are wrong," said Curly. "The noise came from downstairs -- in the cellar! Listen -- there it goes again . . ."

And once more came the sound: "Clomp-clomp-clomp!"

The Wise Guys peered at each other through their grotesque masks, wondering what move to make next.

"Well," said Slugger, "are we men or mice? Let's get down to that cellar and see what's clomping around."



The others didn't speak - but merely glanced at each other. Then Jock said, "We've got matches -- we can light them if we're careful not to set the place on fire. I'm all for going downstairs, like Slugger says."

Then, with Slugger in the lead, they started down the narrow stairway.

"Don't light any matches yet," said Slugger. "No use givin' away our positions."

With that, he tripped and fell, and the noise he made as he bounced down the stairs sounded like thundering artillery in the confines of the house.

"Slugger!" called Jock. "You hurt?"

"N-n-no," answered Slugger from below. "C-come on down!"

Lighting a match, Jock led the way, and the three of them hurried down to where Slugger was picking himself up off the cellar floor.

"I'm all in one piece," said Slugger, "but look -- there's nothing down here! Just a big empty cellar."

They stared around, and as they did so, Slugger quickly blew out the match in Jock's hand.

"Shhh --" Slugger warned, in a whisper. "Over in the corner -- there's a trap door -- and it's starting to open! Stand still -- don't make a noise! Whoever it is, won't even know we're here!"

Then they stood silently, hardly daring to breathe, as, from the corner, the trap door opened up, and four figures emerged, one of which carried a flashlight.

"Got everything, Charlie?" a husky voice said.

"Sure -- the whole bundie," came the reply. "Let's get outta this place. It gives me the creeps at night."

Then, quite by accident, the man with the flashlight shined the light around the cellar -- until it came to rest on four figures who stood there in the shadows -- four figures with grotesque faces, their bodies wrapped in sheets.

"Yow!" screamed the one with the light. "Look!"

"Ghosts!" cried one of the others. "Let's get out of here!"

The four made a frantic race for the stairway, and each attempted to be the first to ascend to the living room, where they staggered out, tripping over each other -- to face several uniformed policemen, who waited there, flashlights in hand.

"You're covered!" said one of the policemen. "Don't anybody make a move."

Then, seeing four more figures in the doorway, staring out from behind the masks, one of policemen pointed and raised his pistol.

"There are four more of them," he shouted. "Raise your hands!"

The Wise Guys stepped forth sheepishly, removed their masks and the sheets, and stood smiling at the officers.

"The Wise Guys," said one of the policemen. "So YOU'RE the reason why the crooks came scrambling up the stairway -- you and your Halloween rigs!"

"What?" exclaimed one of the crooks. "It was them kids down there in the cellar who scared us!"

"You weren't any more scared than we were," answered Slugger. "You just beat us to the stairs, that's all."

Then the Wise Guys were told the whole story. The crooks were counterfeiters -- and the clomp-clomp sounds came from the presses, which were hidden in the sub-cellar of the haunted house. The police had suspected their presence there, but, not knowing of the sub-cellar, had been unable to clamp down on the crooks.

Farmer Miller, who had been alerted to call the police in the event he saw any unusual movements about the haunted house, had seen the Wise Guys approach earlier, and had summoned the police.

"Then you were the ones I saw in the cornfield?" asked Curly.

"Yes," said a policeman. "We were closing in. And, by the way, it's lucky for us that you did give the crooks a good scare, because they came stumbling out with their guns in their hands -- too excited to think of fighting us. That probably saved a life or two."

"So this house wasn't haunted after all," said Slugger, disappointedly, as they all departed.

"Maybe it was, Slugger," said one of the officers, smiling. "Maybe it was haunted . . . haunted by the four Wise Guys!"



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## OF THE ROCKETEERS

in 'THE CITY BENEATH THE SURFACE'



COME BACK, YOU TWO - YOU CANNOT KILL THOSE THOSE VULGAXX!

GREAT HEAVENS! WHAT ARE THOSE MONSTERS?

ROCKY! LET'S USE OUR GUNS - IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!

WHILE ON A PERILOUS MISSION EXPLORING THE BLEAK SURFACE OF THE NEW PLANET, TERRANOVA FOR URANIUM DEPOSITS, ROCKY X AND SIMPY COME UPON WEIRD CREATURES WHO TURN OUT TO BE MESSENGERS OF STRANGE INHABITANTS WHO EMERGE FROM THE DEPTHS OF THE PLANET...



IXANS, YOU HAVE DONE WELL! WE WILL NOW TAKE OVER!



COME WITH US, OR YOU WILL DIE!

HOW DO WE KNOW WE CAN TRUST THEM?

WE DON'T SEEM TO HAVE MUCH CHOICE, SIMPY! LET'S GO!

DOWN INTO THE BOWELS OF THE STRANGE PLANET THEY PLUNGE...



JUMPING JUPITER! WE MUST BE GOING FIVE HUNDRED MILES AN HOUR!

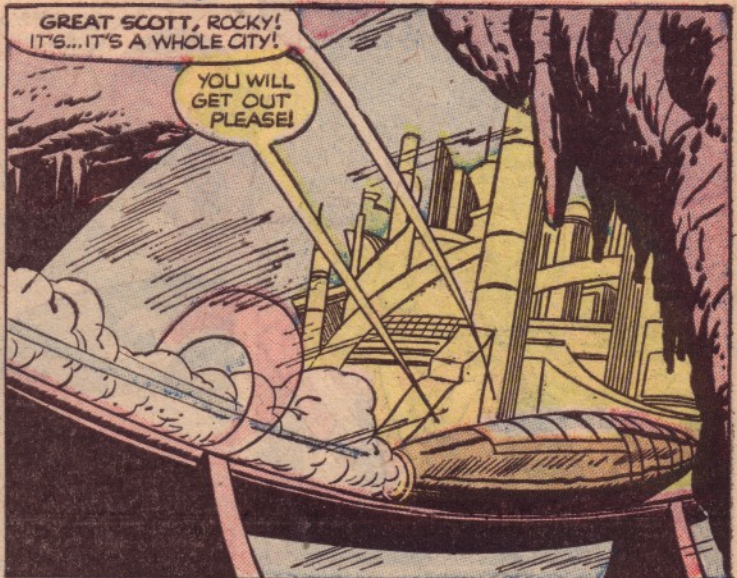
IT SURE FEELS LIKE IT! WONDER WHERE THEY'RE TAKING US?





I GUESS THEY'RE NOT TALKING!

LOOK, SIMPLY! DOWN BELOW - IT'S GETTING LIGHT! WE MUST BE GETTING CLOSE TO WHEREVER WE'RE GOING!



GREAT SCOTT, ROCKY! IT'S... IT'S A WHOLE CITY!

YOU WILL GET OUT PLEASE!



REMOVE YOUR HELMETS!

SUPPOSE WE CAN'T BREATHE THIS STUFF?

OUR OXYGEN SUPPLY'S EXHAUSTED...WE'LL SUFFOCATE ANYWAY IF WE KEEP OUR HELMETS ON!



WOW! DOES THAT FEEL GOOD! IT SMELLS KIND FUNNY, BUT IT'S GOOD OLD OXYGEN

LOOK, SIMPLY! IT'S OUR SHIP AND IT'S UNDAMAGED!

PLEASE TO COME WITH ME!



WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY BUILT THEIR CITY DOWN HERE?

THEY SURE COULDN'T LIVE UP THERE! WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS, HOW LIFE GOT STARTED ON THIS PLANET IN THE FIRST PLACE!



WHERE DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY'RE TAKING US?

I GUESS WE'LL FIND OUT PRETTY SOON! WE'RE COMING DOWN!



I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE GONNA DO WITH US?

WELL, IF THEY WANTED TO KILL US, THEY COULD HAVE JUST LEFT US UP THERE WITHOUT ANY OXYGEN! LOOK! THEY'RE TAKING US TOWARD THAT DOOR!

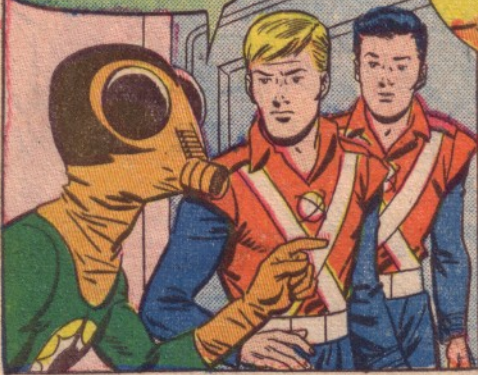


WELCOME TO KALLAXY! I AM TSAAXWAR!

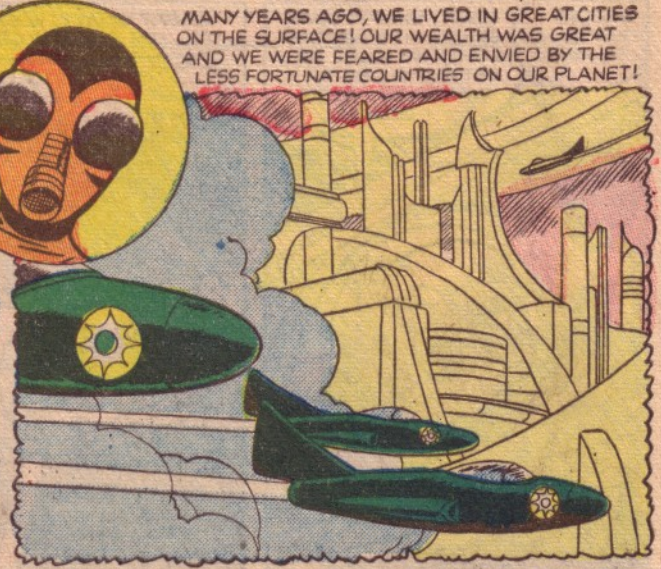
WELL, I'LL BE A RING-TAILED COMET!



WE CAN COMMUNICATE WITH YOU BY MEANS OF EXTRA-SENSORY TELEPATHIC WAVES, WHICH YOUR BRAIN TRANSLATES INTO YOUR OWN LANGUAGE! UNFORTUNATELY, YOU CANNOT TALK TO US! IF YOU WILL MAKE YOURSELVES COMFORTABLE, I WILL GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING, AND EXPLAIN OUR CITY TO YOU!



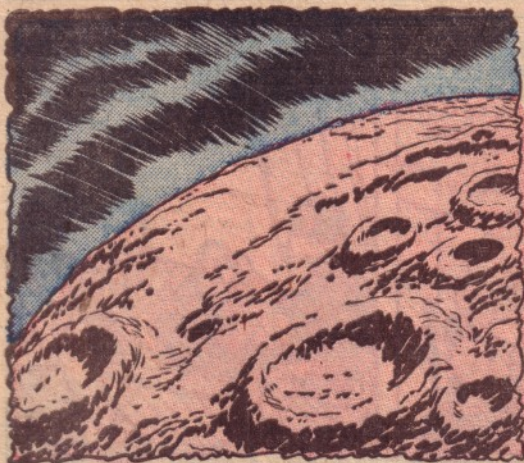
MANY YEARS AGO, WE LIVED IN GREAT CITIES ON THE SURFACE! OUR WEALTH WAS GREAT AND WE WERE FEARED AND ENVIED BY THE LESS FORTUNATE COUNTRIES ON OUR PLANET!



OUR SCIENCE WAS QUITE ADVANCED, AND, TO ENSURE OUR PROTECTION, OUR SCIENTISTS BEGAN EXPERIMENTS, HOPING TO SPLIT THE ATOM AND PERFECT AN ATOMIC BOMB!

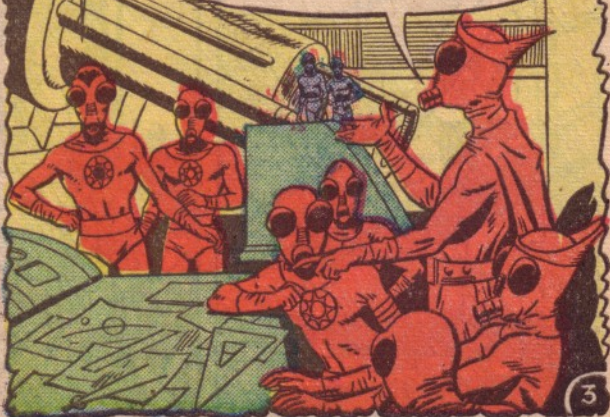


OUR PROGRESS WAS SWIFT, AND WITHIN A YEAR, WE WERE READY FOR OUR FIRST TEST!



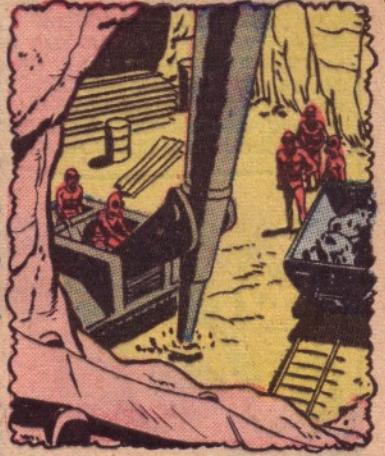
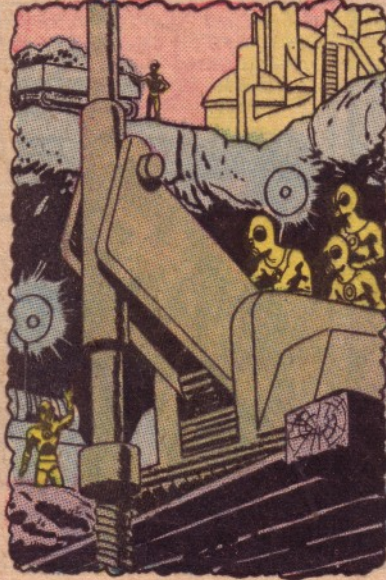
THE DESTRUCTION WAS HORRIBLE! WE HAD NOT UNDERSTOOD THE HIGH URANIUM CONTENT OF THE SOIL, AND THE INITIAL BLAST SET OFF A CHAIN REACTION THAT SHOOK THE VERY CORE OF THE PLANET! BUT THAT WAS NOT ALL...

WHY HAVE YOU SENT FOR ME? WE HAVE BEEN MAKING ASTRONOMICAL CALCULATIONS SINCE THE BLAST, AND THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE EXPLOSION ALTERED OUR ORBIT AROUND THE SUN! WE ARE GROWING STEADILY CLOSER! WITHIN THREE WEEKS, NO LIVING CREATURE CAN EXIST ON THIS PLANET!





AT FIRST WE DID NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO; THE PEOPLE WERE INFORMED AND THEY REFUSED TO BELIEVE IT! IT GOT STEADILY HOTTER AND HOTTER... THERE WAS ONLY ONE CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL... TO GO UNDERGROUND! STARTING WITH OUR UNDERGROUND RAILWAY SYSTEM, WE BEGAN TO DIG...

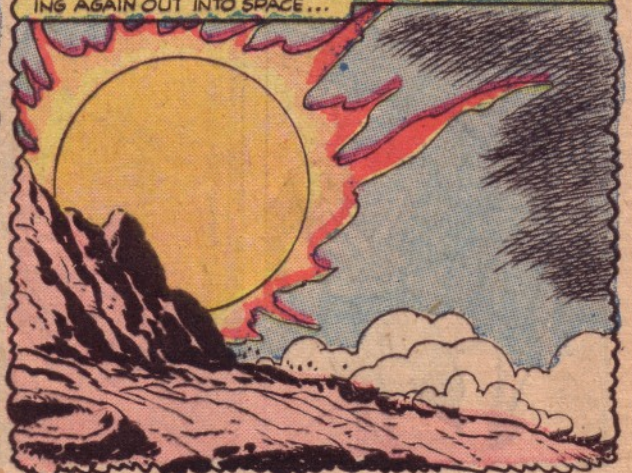
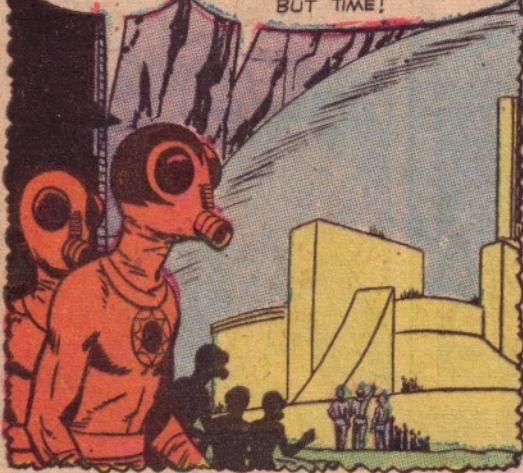


WHEN WE REACHED A DEPTH SUFFICIENT TO PROTECT US FROM THE HEAT, WE BEGAN TO FOLLOW THE GROUND, BUILDING A CITY...

THE WORK GOES SLOWLY, TSAXMAL!

WE ARE SAFE HERE! THAT IS ALL THAT MATTERS! THERE IS TIME... THERE IS NOTHING BUT TIME!

AS OUR ASTRONOMERS HAD PREDICTED, WE PASSED WITHIN A FEW HUNDRED THOUSAND MILES OF THE SUN AND THEN CONTINUED IN OUR ELLIPTICAL ORBIT SWINGING AGAIN OUT INTO SPACE...



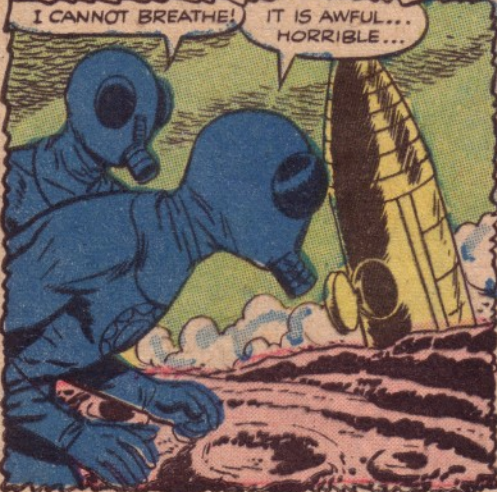
WHEN IT HAD COOLED SUFFICIENTLY, WE RETURNED TO THE SURFACE; TO OUR HORROR, WE FOUND THAT OUR WORLD WAS DEAD...

AND SO WE WERE DOOMED TO AN ETERNITY OF LIVING UNDER THE EARTH... NEVER AGAIN TO SEE THE SUNLIGHT, OR BREATHE FRESH AIR! IT IS BAD, BUT IT IS BETTER THAN DEATH!

HOW DID YOU KNOW WE WERE UP THERE?

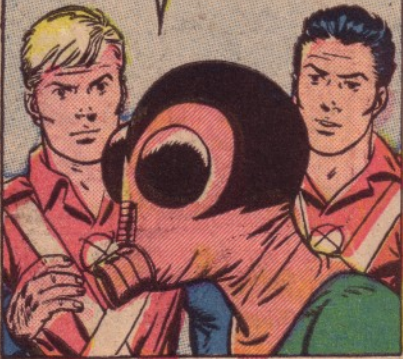
I CANNOT BREATHE!

IT IS AWFUL... HORRIBLE...





FROM YOUR GESTURES, I ASSUME YOU ARE ASKING HOW WE FOUND YOU! WE HAVE INSTRUMENTS CONSTANTLY STUDYING THE SURFACE AND THEY DETECTED YOU! WE KNEW YOU WOULD BE KILLED AS WE APPROACHED THE SUN SO WE BROUGHT YOU DOWN HERE!



IF I HADN'T SEEN THIS WITH MY OWN EYES... OH! OH! LOOKS LIKE TROUBLE! THE VULGAXX HAVE BROKEN THROUGH!



THERE ARE FIVE OF THEM! THIS TIME THERE HAVE BEEN MANY DEATHS! WE ARE BETTER EQUIPPED TO DEAL WITH THESE CREATURES! YOU MUST REMAIN HERE!



C'MON, SIMPY! THERE ARE SOME WEAPONS IN THE ROCKET! WE MIGHT AS WELL GET INTO THIS FIGHT!



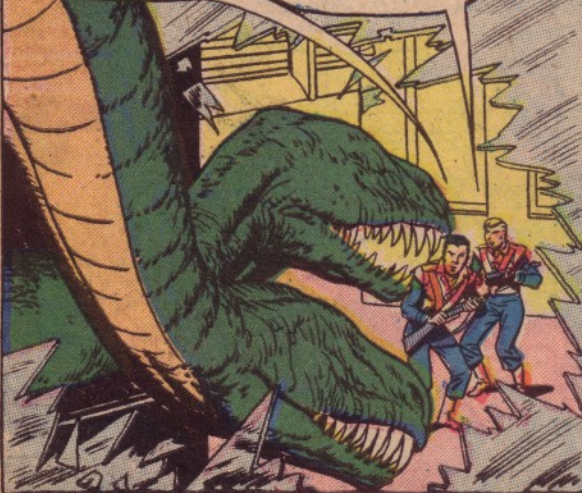
CAN YOU SEE ANYTHING? THEY'RE RUNNING FROM SOMETHING - I CAN'T TELL WHAT IT IS, BUT IT'S SURE BIG!



GANGWAY! LEAMME THROUGH! SAVE YOUR BREATH AND JUST SHOVE, SIMPY! THEY CAN'T HEAR A WORD YOU SAY!



GREAT HOPPING HYDRAS! LOOK! BLAST 'EM, SIMPY! GIVE 'EM ALL YOU'VE GOT!



IT'S NO USE - WE WILL ONLY MADDEN THEM! RUN BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!







C'MON, SIMPY!  
IT LOOKS LIKE  
HE'S  
RIGHT!

I WILL SHOW YOU  
WHERE WE CAN  
TAKE COVER!



THE VULGAXX LIVE DEEP  
WITHIN THE GROUND! THEY  
USED TO BE QUITE SMALL,  
BUT THE ATOMIC EXPLOSIONS  
CAUSED THEIR SPECIES TO  
MUTATE AND EACH  
GENERATION SEEMS TO  
BECOME LARGER!

ISN'T  
THERE  
ANY WAY  
WE CAN  
FIGHT  
BACK?



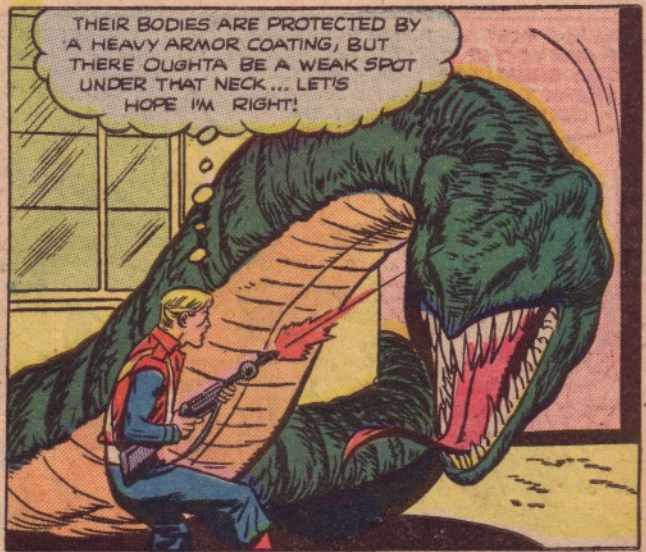
NO! WE CAN ONLY  
WARN EVERYONE  
TO GO TO A SHELTER  
AND WAIT, FOR THE  
VULGAXX WILL  
DIE! THEY CANNOT  
LIVE MORE THAN  
A FEW HOURS  
IN OUR AIR!

THEY MUST  
DO A LOT  
OF  
DAMAGE  
FIRST!  
MAYBE I  
CAN DO  
SOMETHING  
ABOUT  
THAT!



YES, BUT IT CANNOT BE AVOIDED!  
FORTUNATELY, THEY ONLY COME  
AS WE NEAR THE SUN, AND THE  
VULGAXX DIG LOWER, SEEKING  
THE COOLER EARTH... STOP-  
WHERE ARE YOU  
GOING?

I'VE GOT  
AN  
IDEA!



THEIR BODIES ARE PROTECTED BY  
A HEAVY ARMOR COATING, BUT  
THERE OUGHTA BE A WEAK SPOT  
UNDER THAT NECK... LET'S  
HOPE I'M RIGHT!



THIS BETTER WORK! I'VE GOT  
A HUNCH I WON'T GET A  
SECOND CHANCE!

AARRRR!



WATCH OUT, ROCKY!  
HE'S FALLING!





WHEW! THAT WAS A LITTLE TOO CLOSE!

LOOK! THE OTHERS ARE ATTACKING THE VULGAXX! WE'RE WINNING!

WE OWE YOU A GREAT DEBT, ROCKY X! I AM ASHAMED WE NEVER DISCOVERED THIS WEAKNESS OURSELVES!



COME! I MUST SUPERVISE THE REPAIR OF OUR WALLS! THE VULGAXX ARE THE ONLY CREATURES, LARGE ENOUGH TO BREAK THROUGH, BUT MANY OTHERS COULD COME THROUGH THE BREAK!



IT IS NECESSARY TO KEEP OUR CITY AIRTIGHT, AS POISONOUS RADIOACTIVE GASES WILL SEEP IN FROM ABOVE AND OUR OWN OXYGEN WILL SEEP OUT!

WHEW! IT MUST BE LIKE LIVING INSIDE A VACUUM TUBE!



OUR ONLY PROBLEMS ARE AN ACUTE SHORTAGE OF FOOD, AIR, AND WATER...EVERYTHING MUST BE MANUFACTURED AND IT IS A SLOW PROCESS!

THEIR ONLY PROBLEMS! IT SOUNDS TO ME LIKE THEIR LIVING ON THE VERGE OF EXTINCTION ALL THE TIME!



I DON'T SEE HOW THEY CAN KEEP GOING UNLESS THEIR PLANET IS RETURNED TO ITS NATURAL ORBIT, AND WE CAN SOMEHOW HELP THEM REBUILD THE LAND!

HOW CAN WE HELP THEM, IF WE CAN'T MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND?



LET'S TAKE A CRACK AT TEACHING THEM ENGLISH! I THINK WE'RE THEIR ONLY HOPE, SIMPLY! WE CAN'T LET THEM DOWN!

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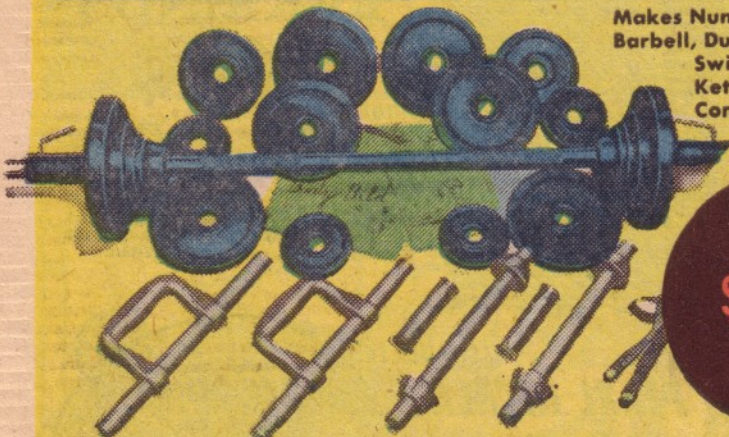


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